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Independent Coastal Battalion

Tiranë?

Three Battalions of Border Guards

Unknown locations

2. The Independent Coastal Battalion is under the direct jurisdiction of the DMP Command. Its members, consisting of approximately two thousand men, are reputed to be of a caliber superior to those of the regimental battalions. The headquarters is based in Tirane, with company posts at Durres, Vlone, Delvine, Sarande and Konispol, and detachments at Himare, Lesh, Karavasta and Saseno.
3. In addition to their regular duties, the independent and regimental mobile battalions are usually made use of in operations against anti-Government forces. The border guard units patrol the frontiers, while the coastal unit provides coastal surveillance, particularly along the southern reaches of the Albanian coastline.
4. Individual armament consists of Mauser rifles, sub-machine guns and machine-rifles (heavy machine guns?) of Italian, Soviet, British and German make. Unit armament consists of Fiat, Breda and Maxim sub-machine guns, 81 mm. mortars of Italian manufacture, and 107 mm. mortars of Soviet make.

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